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OVER 90% SPEND THEIR TIME CHIT-CHATTING: N.S.O. SURVEY

Only 38.2% people take part in job-related activities, while 91% spend their time in socialising, a new survey has found

ONLY 2.4% TAKE PART IN VOLUNTEER WORK

The National Statistical Office's Time Use Survey revealed that 24.1% people participate in activities related to learning, while only 2.4% take part in volunteer and other unpaid work. The survey also said that 20.7% people said they do unpaid care giving services for household members. Such services include child care and care for dependent adults

WHY THE TIME USE SURVEY IS IMPORTANT

- The primary objective of the Time Use Survey is to measure participation of men and women in paid and unpaid activities
- It is an important source of information on the time spent in unpaid care-giving activities, volunteer work, unpaid domestic service producing activities of the household members, etc | P9

1,38,799
HOUSEHOLDS COVERED BY THE SURVEY CONDUCTED DURING JAN-DEC 2019

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BIG-TICKET BABRI PLOT VERDICT TODAY

FACING TRIAL

Did Advani and others conspire to raze the Babri masjid in 1992? A special CBI court in Lucknow will deliver its verdict today

L K Advani. Was only an MP at that time. Gave a speech to kar sevaks before Babri masjid was brought down, earlier in 1990 he had led a rath yatra

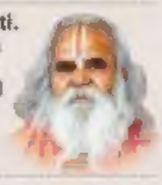
Murli Manohar Joshi. Was BJP president when the mosque was demolished; he was also at the site and addressed kar sevaks

Kalyan Singh. Was UP chief minister. Had given Supreme Court an undertaking that he will not allow any damage to the [illegible]

Uma Bharti. Was at the site on demolition day. Liberhan Commission accused her of inciting the mob; she took moral responsibility for the demolition

Vinay Katiyar, then Bajrang Dal chief. Was BJP MP from Faizabad at the time of demolition in 1992. It is believed the conspiracy to demolish the structure was hatched at his place

Mahant Nritya Gopal Das. Head of Ayodhya's largest temple and actively associated with the Ram Janmabhoomi movement since 1984



Ram Vilas Vedanti. Ex-BJP MP and Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas member, he claimed to have incited the mob to raze the mosque

Sadhvi Rithambara. Founder-chairperson of Durga Vahini, the women's wing of VHP; her speeches played a major role in the demolition of the masjid

Champat Rai, current VHP vice-president and general secretary of Ram temple trust

THE STORY SO FAR

After a Rae Bareli court discharged former BJP chief L K Advani in the plot case in 2003 citing insufficient proof, all other co-accused were absolved by and by. The Allahabad High Court upheld the orders in 2010. A year later, the CBI approached the SC to revive the conspiracy case. In 2017, SC gave its green light after quashing the HC order

CASES

- When Babri masjid was demolished on Dec 6, 1992, two cases 197/1992 and 198/1992 were registered through two FIRs at the Ram Janmabhoomi police station, Ayodhya
- **Case number 197/1992:** Filed against unknown kar sevaks under IPC sections 395 (dacoity), 397 (dacoity or robbery with attempt to cause death), 332 (causing hurt to deter public servants), 337, 338 (grievous hurt), 295 (injuring or defiling a place of worship with intent to insult religion of any class), 297 (trespass in any place of worship) and 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion)
- **Case number 198/1992:** Named eight accused Ashok Singhal, Giriraj Kishore, L K Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Vishnu Hari Dalmia, Vinay Katiyar, Uma Bharti and Sadhvi Rithambara. They were booked under Sections 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony), 153-B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national-integration) and 505 IPC (intent to incite, or which is likely to incite, any class or community of persons to commit any offence against any other class or community)
- 47 more FIRs lodged on complaints of media persons who were assaulted and their cameras and equipment snatched; the charges were robbery, rioting and mischief etc.

OTHERS: Sakshi Maharaj, Brij Bhushan Singh, Lallu Singh (all BJP MPs); Ravindra Nath Srivastava, then Faizabad DM; Jaibhan Singh Pawaiya, then minister in MP; Mahant Dharam Das; Satish Pradhan; Acharya Dharmendra Dev; Pawan Kumar Pandey; Jai Bhagwan Goyal, Rashtrawadi Shiv Sena head; Ramji Gupta; Prakash Sharma; Dharmendra Singh Gurjar; Ram Chandra Khatri, Sudhir Kakkar, Aman Nath Goyal, Santosh Dubey, Om Prakash Pandey, Vinay Kumar Rai, Kamlesh Tripathi, Gandhi Yadav, Vijay Bahadur Singh and Naveen Bhai Shukla (all kar sevaks)

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UP DALIT RAPE VICTIM DIES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

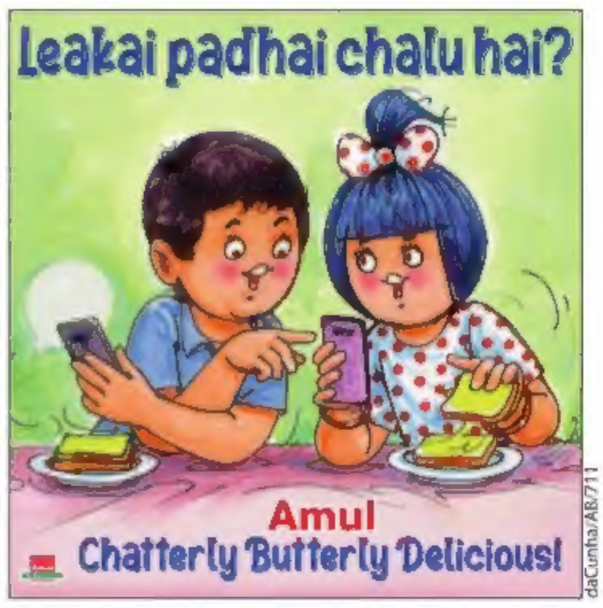
THE death of a 20-year-old gang-rape victim from Uttar Pradesh's Hathras district around 3 am on Tuesday, a day after she was admitted at the Safdarjung Hospital, sparked nationwide outrage and led to chaos outside the hospital.

The victim's younger brother claimed his sister's body was handed over to the UP police after autopsy instead of the family. But the claim couldn't be immediately verified. The police later took the body to Hathras.

In what brought back memories of the horrific Nirbhaya gang-rape case, the Dalit girl was left grievously injured by four men who sexually abused her on September 14. She was admitted to the Aligarh Muslim University's Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital a week after the assault. By then, her legs had paralysed and she had severe spinal cord injury and neck damage, as the accused had dragged her by her dupatta to a field near the spot in her village where she was gathering fodder. She also had a deep cut on her tongue. JNMCH superintendent Dr Harris Manzur Khan said the victim was on ventilator when her father sought to shift her to Delhi on Monday.

Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad protesting the death of the victim in New Delhi on Tuesday | SHEKHAR YADAV

As news of her death spread, protests broke out at Safdarjung Hospital, Vijay Chowk and in Hathras. Leading the protest outside Safdarjung Hospital, Bhim Army chief Chandrashekar Azad said the attack represents the deteriorating law and order situation in UP. He was later arrested by the Delhi Police.



10K State sees biggest single-day spike

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

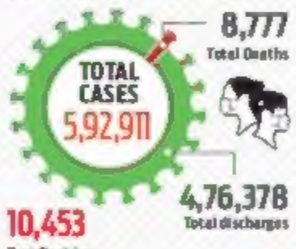
THE state saw a record surge in Covid cases on Monday, crossing the 10,000 mark, with Bengaluru, too, recording the highest number of positive cases so far. While the state saw 10,453 cases, Bengaluru's tally stood at 4,868. Karnataka also recorded its highest number of active cases at 1,07,737, standing second only to Maharashtra, which has 2,65,033 active cases.

However, government officials and health experts said that the high number of cases is "not a cause for concern", attributing it to the record 87,475 tests conducted on Monday.

Health and Family Welfare Department Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Pandey said that the high number of positive cases was due to high number of tests. "We should not worry about the numbers. We need to focus on testing more, tracing the positive cases and isolating them to break the chain," he added.

Prof Giridhar Babu, head of Lifecourse Epidemiology, Public Health Foundation India (PHFI), agreed with Pandey that the high numbers are not a cause of concern. "Only if we test more will we be able to find more cases. Right now, as asymptomatic cases are high, we need to continue testing more people to trace asymptomatic ones," Babu said. A cause of worry will be if there is an increased number of deaths on a daily basis, he said. The mortality rate as on Monday was 1.48 per cent, and it has seen a steady decline in the last few days. P3

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE



NO MORE PUBLIC GATHERINGS IN K'TAKA

With the state breaching the 10,000-mark in daily Covid cases on Tuesday, the government has banned religious and other public gatherings. "Despite awareness being created on the dangers of the virus, people are careless and have not been wearing masks. The government wants to come out with a stern rule to act against those violating social distancing and other norms," Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said. P3

Amnesty exits India, blames 'witch-hunt'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

NINETEEN days after its bank accounts were frozen by the Centre, Amnesty International on Tuesday announced winding up its India operations. The organisation said it was compelled to let go of its staff in India and pause its ongoing campaign and research work.

Accusing the government of "incessant witch-hunt", it claimed it was targeted for flagging human rights violations in Kashmir and during the Delhi riots. "The constant harassment by government agencies including the Enforcement Directorate is a result of our unequivocal calls for transparency in the government," said Avinash Kumar, executive director of Amnesty International India.

Activists said the BJP-led government is systematically targeting voices of dissent. "The clampdown on Amnesty is part of a larger project to attempt to silence independent voices of dissent, which are critical of the majoritarian politics of the present regime," said bureaucrat-turned-activist Harsh Mander. Meanwhile, the Home Ministry said Amnesty's statement is far from the truth and is a ploy to influence probe into its illegalities. The MHA said Amnesty was denied permission to receive foreign funds by successive governments, including UPA-led ones in view of its "illegal activities". MORE REPORTS ON: P9

India calls out Chinese doublespeak on LAC

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

INDIA on Tuesday rejected Chinese claims of the position of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, saying it has never accepted the so-called unilaterally defined 1959 perception of the LAC.

Under various bilateral agreements, both India and China have committed to clarification and confirmation of the LAC. "In fact, the two sides had engaged in an exercise to clarify and confirm the LAC up to 2003, but this process could not proceed further as the Chinese side did not show a willingness to pursue it. Therefore, the insistence now of the Chinese side that there is only one LAC is contrary to the solemn commitments made by China in these agreements," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

The response came after China on Monday said it abides by the 1959 LAC perception of then premier Zhou Enlai. Meanwhile, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said Beijing does not recognise the Union Territory of Ladakh and accused India of illegally establishing Central rule there. "China does not recognise the so-called Union Territory of Ladakh, which was illegally established by India, and opposes infrastructure construction in disputed border areas for military control purposes," Wang said. P10

IPL TODAY

RAJASTHAN vs KOLKATA — LIVE: STAR SPORTS1/ HOTSTAR @ 7.30PM

Bypolls to Sira, RR Nagar on November 3

Council polls on Oct 28

The EC has rolled out dates for Legislative Council polls for four seats from Teachers and Graduates constituencies. The polling will be on October 28, and counting on November 2.

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

THE Election Commission of India on Tuesday announced assembly by-elections to Sira and the long-pending Rajarajeshwari Nagar constituencies. Polling will take place on November 3, while counting of votes is scheduled for November 10, 2020.

The Rajarajeshwari Nagar seat has been vacant since July 2018, when former Congress MLA N Muniratna was disqualified along with 13 other MLAs for defection.

A court case alleging large-scale electoral malpractice had compelled the Election Commission to delay elections and in March this year, an appeal filed by the complainant, BJP's Tulasi Muniraju aka Muniraju Gowda, was dismissed clearing the decks for the by-poll.

The Sira seat fell vacant after JDS MLA B Satyanarayana passed away due to ill health in August this year.

The last date to file nominations for the bypolls to Sira and Rajarajeshwari Nagar is October 16, scrutiny on October 17 and last day to withdraw nominations will be October 19. MORE REPORTS ON: P4

HC strikes down state's quota targeting NLSIU

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IN a setback to the state government, the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday struck down the amendment brought to the National Law School of India University Act by the Assembly to provide 25 per cent horizontal reservation in the premier institution to those who have studied in the state for at least 10 years.

Noting that the state does not have the authority to bring in the amendment, which is contrary to the scheme of the Act, a division bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ravi V Hosmani set aside the legislation. Some law students and others had filed public interest litigations questioning the amendment that were allowed by the high court on Tuesday.

The bench observed that the amendment ultra vires the all-India character of the university. Only the executive council of the university can consider the reservation and state should not use 'shall' in bringing in an amendment to ask varsity to give reservation. If the quota is allowed as per the amendment, the university will be virtually controlled by the state on one side and executive council on the other, which is unhealthy, it said.

Observing that NLSIU should be autonomous and independent, the bench said that it is unfortunate and meaningless to restrict students to get seats in Karnataka, that too during the regime of liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation (LPG). CONTINUED ON: P7

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